

HOLY ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Holy Rosary Family



**WELCOME
BACK!!**

We returned to school on the first day of Spring. What a wonderful way to begin the third term! Just as spring is a time of rebirth and renewal, the new term presents us with an opportunity to welcome new challenges.

The school was abuzz with the joyful chatter of the girls who were delighted to be reunited with their friends, swapping details of their holidays. The exuberance of the girls was matched by the joyful singing of the birds. On Tuesday, we had cause to celebrate the beginning of spring as the sun shone, a balmy breeze blew, blossoms were in evidence and green grass shoots were beginning to appear on the fields. It was a perfect God-given day.

Spring is a season of wonder, beauty and splendour. In no other season is the handiwork of God more creatively displayed. Please share the following prayer with your children to make them conscious of the spectacular changes which our environment will undergo during the next few months.

*Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, spring
From the first Word.*

*Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
In the first hour.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Spring in completeness,
From the first shower.*

*Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning
Spring's re-creation
Of the First Day!*

(Eleanor Farjeon)

Today we celebrated Arbor Day and teachers and pupils wore jeans and green shirts in recognition of this.

Each class was allocated a piece of ground for a practical garden exercise. During the course of the day, the pupils prepared the soil for planting, added compost and planted their seedlings. Each class is responsible for maintaining their garden area. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to plant their very own flowers, to nurture them, to watch them grow and to admire the beauty which will result from their gardening endeavours. I would like to thank Mrs Baart and Mrs Pistorius for all the hard work which went into the organisation of this day.

MRS M FITZPATRICK
(HEAD OF DEPARTMENT : RELGIOUS EDUCATION)

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for :

- †Those of the Holy Rosary Sisters who are not well.
- †Ms Stanbridge and Cayla (Gr 7) whose Father and Grandfather is receiving chemotherapy.
- †Mrs Meerholz whose Father is receiving chemotherapy.
- †Mrs Burnell who is recovering from surgery.
- †Mrs O’Leary whose husband is not well.
- †Megan Brink (Gr 4K) whose Aunt in Scotland is receiving radiation.
- †Devan Cerrai (Gr 3P) whose Aunt is very ill.
- †Stephanie (Gr 6B), Tiffany (Gr 4K) and Gabriella (Gr 2P) Korb whose Uncle has cancer.
- †Brodie Stevenson (Gr 4G) whose young Aunt passed away from cancer.
- †Claudia Maia (Gr 7B) whose Aunt has cancer.
- †Sidney Hair (Gr 0H) whose Grandfather passed away.
- †Chiara Contomathios (Gr 4G) whose Grandfather passed away.
- †Seygelle Lablache (3L) whose Uncle passed away.
- †Allegra van der Westhuizen (4G) whose Mother is recovering from surgery.
- †Simone Correia (Gr 2B) whose Grandfather has been diagnosed with cancer.
- †Raine Scott Anderson(Gr 2K) whose Grandfather passed away.
- †Ashly Fowler (Gr 5T) whose Granny is recovering from open heart surgery.
- †Sinomtha (Gr 0L) and Inga (Gr 2P) Gxowa whose Granny passed away.
- †Robyn Armfield (Gr 4K) whose Grandfather is recovering from a triple heart by-pass.
- †Dioné van Gaalen (Gr 1L) whose Grandfather passed away.
- †Katja van der Merwe (Gr 2K) whose Mother is not well.
- †Alexia D’Alession (Gr 6L) whose Grandfather is receiving chemotherapy.
- †Robyn Dennis (Gr 5V) whose Mother is receiving chemotherapy again.

We pray for all those members of our Holy Rosary Family who have been held-up or hijacked recently.

RECEPTION YEAR NEWS

- We welcomed Ashleigh West and Gia Biancolli to our department this week.
- Thank you for all of your seedling and plant donations. The girls enjoyed their ‘planting day’ and our gardens look beautiful.

- THRASS Assembly is on Friday 11th September (see letter dated 31 July for details). You are welcome to attend the Assembly at 7:45am in the Big Hall.
- Please send hats to school everyday.
- We will notify you when swimming will start for this term.

HOLY ROSARY WEBSITE

Our new website is going live today! Please visit the site and let us have your comments!

Termination of employment – Proud Kunene

The School wishes to inform staff and parents that subsequent to a dispute between Proud Kunene and the School, a mutual termination agreement has been reached.

Despite the rumours circulating we wish to advise you that on the advice of our legal team, the matter was amicably settled. The matter was not referred to the CCMA and there was no award. The settlement was internal, and done in the best interests of the School and of all concerned.

Proud is no longer employed by the School, nor is he resident on the property any longer.

ST DAVID'S ROAD DROP-OFF ZONE

Once again we remind parents that this area is a **drop-off zone only**. Once you have dropped your child off, please move out of the area, enabling the cars behind you to move forward. Also, please **do not park and leave your cars in the drive-thru at the front of school**. Thank you for your co-operation.

VOCAB ENRICHMENT

Each week you will be given the vocab enrichment words that the girls receive at Assembly on a Friday morning. We encourage you to try and use them as often as possible with your children :

Frivolous

Esoteric

Nuance

Liaise

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The sporting and cultural group photos will take place on Wednesday, 9th September. Please look on the Sports noticeboard to see what kit is to be worn for sporting photos. Any children who were absent on 4th February when the individual photos were taken, please advise your class teacher.

BOOSTER CAR SEATS

We thank everyone for their prayers and concern during the illness and passing of Sue van Rensburg (daughter of Mrs Magnus, a past Grade 7 teacher and Aunt of Brodie Stevenson).

We are looking to borrow two booster car seats (for her 2 year old daughter). If you can assist please contact Mrs Glenys Stevenson on 082 450 6099.

THANKS FROM KITTY AND PUPPY HAVEN

We received a letter from the above organisation thanking us for our donations, which help to keep their venture operating. For any further information please visit their websites : www.puppyhaven.co.za or www.kittyhaven.co.za. Thank you for your generous support of this charity.

AFTERNOON CLUBS

Club registration will take place on the **Tuesday, 8th September**. Information and registration forms have been sent home today and must be returned on Tuesday at second break during the registration period. Please diarise dates carefully, as they are not consecutive dates. No early bookings will be accepted by class teachers..

DATES TO DIARISE KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE

SEPTEMBER	9	Whole School Mass 07h45 Group Photographs PA Meeting 19h00
	16	Grade 4G Mass 07h45
	22	Inter House Quiz 18h30 Compulsory Gr 4-7
	23	Grade 2B Mass 0745 School closes normal time before long weekend
	24	Public Holiday : Heritage Day
	25	School Holiday

PA NEWS

The next Holy Rosary PA meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9th September** 2009 at 7pm, in the High School staffroom. For any queries, please contact Shelley on shellrb@mweb.co.za.

DEBS NEWS

We thank everyone in the Primary School for their support of all the Debs projects over the last year. Several charities will benefit from your generosity.

We wish the Debs a wonderful Ball on Saturday evening.